



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>.

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Aug. 22-23	Tribal Children's Environmental Health Summit. Priority given to members and staffs of tribes in regions 6, 8, and 10, but it is open to everyone	Denver, CO	Eric Byous at byous.eric@epa.gov or 415-972-3531
Oct 15-16	RTOC Meeting in conjunction with the Tribal Annual Conference	Elko, NV	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov
Oct 17-19	15 th Annual Tribal Conference, Region 9	Elko, NV	Lilia Dignan, 415-972-3779 or dignan.lilia@epa.gov or go to http://www.temoaktribe.org/EPA/index.shtml



Sponsor: EPA, Water Division, Region 10 and CA Dept of Public Health and Water Boards

Aug 7	Sustainable Infrastructure Forum	Sacramento, CA	Juanita Licata at 415-972-3450 or licata.juanita@epa.gov
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Sponsors: USCG and EPA

Aug 22-23	Mainland Region Response Team (RRT)	San Pedro, CA	http://www.uscg.mil/d11/m/rrt9web/schedule.htm
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Sponsors: Numerous local, state and federal agencies as well as private companies:

Sept 4-7	Continuing Challenge Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Workshop	Sacramento, CA	Angie Proboszcz, 415-972-3077, proboszcz.angie@epa.gov http://www.hazmat.org
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Sponsor: Information Management Network

Oct 15-16	7th Semi-annual Native American Finance Conference	Leyard, CT	http://secure.imn.org/~conference/im/index2.cfm?sys_code=20071031_PF_001
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Sponsor: Numerous local, state and federal agencies:

Nov 5-8	HazMat Explo	Las Vegas, NV	Angie Proboszcz, 415-972-3077, proboszcz.angie@epa.gov http://hazmatexplo.org/
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Sponsor: Journal of Solid Waste Technology and Management (call for papers)

Mar 30-Apr	23 rd International Conference on Solid Waste Technology and Management	Philadelphia, PA	Dr. Ronald L. Mersky, 610-499-4041, solid.waste@widener.edu
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Trainings



Sponsor: Indian Health Services

Aug 7-9	Tribal Utility Management	Colusa, CA	Mary Webber, 707-462-.0457, mary.weber@ihs.gov
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Sponsor: Department of Energy (DOE)

Aug 13-16	Renewable Energy for Tribal Community Development: A Strategic Energy Planning Workshop (Free for tribal members)	Denver, CO	http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/upcoming_events.cfm
Aug 28-31	Wind Energy Applications Training Symposium 2007	Boulder, .CO	www.windenergy.org/weats2007
Oct 2-4	Business Development and Financing Workshop	Denver, CO	www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy
Nov. 5-8	Tribal Energy Program Review	Denver, CO	www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy



Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center

Sept 5-6	Introduction to Managing Environmental Data with Microsoft Access	Los Angeles, CA	http://www.nwetc.org/comp-401_09-07_los_angeles.htm
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Sponsor: Rural Communities Assistance Cooperation

Aug. 14-16	Water Distribution Certification	Lakeside, CA	Greg Pearson, 619-890-6320; gpearson@rcac.org or Lucile Richard, 619-742-5503 or lmrichard2@aol.com
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Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

Sept 25-27	Air Pollution and Ecosystems	Las Vegas, NV	Sue Rose, 928-523-1488 susan.rose@nau.edu
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ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for ITEP courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a complete listing of course catalog call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator, 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

Nielsen Field School

Contact the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit the following Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com for course outlines, testimonials, course instructor information, or to register.

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



The Office of Compliance within EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is soliciting proposals for states and tribes to strengthen their ability to address environmental and public health threats, while furthering the art and science of environmental compliance. Projects under this Solicitation Notice will be used to build and expand the capacity and ability of the states and tribes to operate their environmental compliance and enforcement program. These funds cannot be used for the actual implementation of the compliance program.

This year, EPA is soliciting pre-proposals for the following focus areas:

- (1) Permit Compliance System (PCS) Modernization and ICIS-NPDES,
- (2) Tribal Compliance Assurance Training and Workshops,
- (3) Air Facility System (AFS), and
- (4) Three national priority sectors: Storm Water, Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO), and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO).

The total grant award to be funded is \$3,100,000 and will be awarded to selected proposals in the ranges of \$50,000 - \$200,000. For questions regarding this solicitation, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/state/grants/stag/index.html> . Applications are due by August 23, 2007 and must be submitted through www.grants.gov .



Environmental Health Outcome Indicators

EPA requests proposals for the Development of Environmental Health Outcome Indicators. Through this initiative, EPA seeks research projects that use existing data sources to develop indicators that signal the impact of changes in environmental conditions, management approaches or policies on human health. \$2 million is expected to be available and up to four awards are anticipated. Responses are due September 19. For more information, contact Deborah Segal at segal.deborah@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_health_indicators.html



Clean Diesel School Bus Projects

EPA has over \$1.3 million available for clean diesel school bus projects as part of the West Coast Collaborative and Clean School Bus USA programs. EPA's Western offices are soliciting proposals on a competitive basis for projects that will reduce emissions from existing diesel school buses. Project solicitations may include a variety of diesel emissions reductions solutions, such as add-on pollution control technology, engine or vehicle replacement, idle reduction technologies or strategies, and/or cleaner fuel use. The deadline for submitting applications is August 20. To access the grant solicitation, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region10/cleanschoolbus.html>. For more information on the EPA's Clean School Bus USA program, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/>. For more information on the West Coast Collaborative, visit: <http://www.westcoastcollaborative.org> or <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/06be313f0098cb7b852573010062f0f5?OpenDocument>



Mobile Source Outreach

EPA requests proposals for the Mobile Source Outreach Assistance Competition, for public education and outreach projects which directly support state, local and tribal air management organizations in their efforts to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gases. This program is designed to provide seed money to initiate new projects rather than to expand ongoing projects. \$557K is expected to be available and up to seven awards are anticipated. Final proposals are due on August 31. For more information, contact Susan Bullard at bullard.susan@epa.gov or go to: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0709.



FY 2007 Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from Tribal governments and Intertribal Consortia for the development and implementation of hazardous waste programs and for building capacity to address hazardous waste mismanagement in Indian country. In accordance with the EPA Indian Policy of 1984, EPA recognizes Tribal governments as the primary parties for managing programs for reservations. Proposals must be received by 5pm EDT on August 13. For complete details on the types of projects that will be considered for funding through this grant, visit the following link: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/07-07.pdf>. For questions about the solicitation, please contact Denise Roy at (703) 308-8458.



Tribal Indoor Radon Project Grant: 2007

EPA Region 9, Air Division, is soliciting applications from eligible Tribes and Tribal Consortia to fund Tribal Indoor Radon Pilot Projects. Projects must demonstrate the effectiveness of reducing health risks through the development of projects for the assessment and mitigation of radon. EPA Region 9 anticipates that approximately \$160,000 of federal funds will be available for Tribal Indoor Radon Pilot Projects. Region 9 anticipates awarding approximately 2-3 grant agreements ranging in size from no less than \$25,000 and no more than \$60,000 for work to be completed in either one or two years. For more information, contact Louise Hill, Hill.louise@epa.gov Radon Project Officer, and 415-947-4192. Submission instructions are on Grants.gov. Important dates are as follows:

Aug. 24, 2007	Application packages must be received by this date by 5 PM PST or stamped electronically via Grants.gov by 8 PM Eastern Daylight Time
Sept. 7, 2007	Initial Approvals Identified
Sept. 28, 2007	Final Work Plans Submitted to EPA
Dec.1, 2007	2007 EPA Grant Awards made

Late proposals will not be considered. August 24, 2007 is a firm deadline; other dates are anticipated dates and may be subject to change.



Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Funds Available

Tribes are invited to apply for up to \$7M of FY 08 and 09 drinking water infrastructure funds for projects that address high priority public health risks. The full announcement, guidance, and project proposal form is available at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/dwtsa.html>. Proposals are due September 21. Contact: Linda Reeves, 415-972-3445 or reeves.linda@epa.gov.



Solicitation for Tribal Pesticide Projects:

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) in coordination with EPA Regional Offices is soliciting pesticide and special project proposals from eligible tribes, Alaska native villages, and intertribal consortia for fiscal year (FY) 2007 funding. Under this program, cooperative agreement awards will provide financial assistance to eligible tribal governments, Alaska native village governments, or intertribal consortia to carry out projects that assess or reduce risks to human health and the environment from pesticide exposure. The total amount available for award in FY 2007 is expected to be up to \$400,000, with a maximum funding level of \$50,000 per project. The closing

date for applications is August 24, 2007. This program provides one-time funding. OPP encourages the submission of proposals for multi-tribal projects. To read the full announcement, go to www.grants.gov. The Funding Opportunity Number is EPA-OPP-07-001 and is entitled "Tribal Pesticide and Special Projects; Request for Proposals." If you have trouble accessing the full announcement electronically, you can call Mary Powell at (703) 305-7384. For other questions, please contact Lawrence Torres III in the Region 9 Pesticides Office at (415) 947-4211 or via e-mail at torres.lawrence@epa.gov.

Brownfields Program

Do you have some property in your community that could be reused or redeveloped? EPA has a Brownfields Program that provides grants to assess and/or cleanup properties that are blighted or underutilized due to the uncertainty of contamination from hazardous substances or petroleum products. Brownfields Assessment Grants provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach. Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants provide funding to capitalize loans that are used to clean up brownfields. Brownfields Cleanup Grants provide direct funding for cleanup activities at certain properties with planned greenspace, recreational, or other nonprofit uses. The guidelines for this year's round of proposals have not been released yet. This is the perfect time to get a head-start. To get specific details about the eligibility of your Brownfields properties for funding and which grant is best for you, please contact: Nuria Muñiz, Brownfields Tribal Coordinator, at 415-972-3811 or by e-mail at Muniz.Nuria@epa.gov.

Particulate Matter & Health

EPA requests proposals for Innovative Approaches to Particulate Matter Health, Composition, and Source Questions. Through this RFP, EPA seeks applications proposing to improve the ability of epidemiologic studies to link health outcomes to sources and components of air pollution. \$5 million is expected to be available and up to 6 awards are anticipated. Responses due September 11. For more information, contact Darrell Winner at winner.darrell@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_part_matter.html.

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EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

USDA requests proposals for RCDI. RCDI supports qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to: Assisting recipients to complete predevelopment requirements for housing and community facilities by providing architectural, engineering, or legal services; improving recipient's organizational capacity by providing training and resource material on developing strategic plans, board operations, management, financial systems, and information technology. \$6.2 million is expected to be available and individual award range will be \$50K to \$300K. Responses are due September 6. For more information, including state-specific contacts go to:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html>

Miscellaneous Grants:



Recycling Market Development and Expansion (MDE)

The California Department of Conservation requests proposals for the 2007 MDE Grant Program. This program provides up to \$20 million annually for programs to achieve sustainable containers, packaging materials or systems, and to improve the beverage container recycling rate in California. The focus is on recycled aluminum, glass and plastic, including research and development projects that lead to sustainable manufacturing and processing. Anyone may apply, although projects must provide a California benefit. For application materials and further information, please go to <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dor/grants/rmdeg.htm>.



Economic Development - CA

Pacific Gas and Electric Company requests proposals for the 2007 Local Economic Development Grants Program. This program supports economic and community development projects in PG&E's northern and central California service territory. Award range is \$2.5K to \$10K. Responses are due August 17. For more information, go to: <http://www.pge.com/edgrant/>.



Environmental Justice Program

The Norman Foundation requests Letters of Inquiry for its Environmental Justice Program, which supports work to prevent the disposal of toxins in communities, and to link environmental issues with economic and social justice. The foundation provides grants for general support, projects, and collaborative efforts, and welcomes innovative proposals designed to build the capacity of social change organizations working in its areas of interest. Individual grants NTE \$20K. Responses are due November 11. For more information, go to: <http://www.normanfdn.org/>.

Recycling Consumer Electronics

Best Buy Co. requests proposals for Consumer Electronics Recycling Grants. This program seeks to increase recycling opportunities available to communities across the United States. Support is provided for events hosted by 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations, and for events hosted by other organizations in cities and townships across the country. Grant range \$500 to \$1.5K. Responses accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, go to: <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/recycling.asp>.

Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes. Typical incidents include transportation accidents,

abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at meer.daniel@epa.gov .

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones 916-319-8402 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

The California Department of Water Resources

The 2007 Proposal Solicitation for Water Use Efficiency is a two step process. In Step 1, the applicant will submit (on-line) a concept proposal. Applicants with concept proposals meeting specific criteria and requirements will be asked to submit a detailed and full proposal for funding consideration. If you have any questions, please e-mail wue@water.ca.gov or 916-651-9666 or email baryohay@water.ca.gov

Economic Development

The U.S. Economic Development Administration requests proposals under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, and the Trade Act of 1974. This program supports projects that promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress. \$250.7 million is expected to be available, proposals accepted on a continuous basis. For more information, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=13169&mode=VIEW>.

Employment Opportunities



Environmental Coordinator for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe of northwestern Nevada is accepting applications to fill an Environmental Coordinator position. Contact William Cowan, Natural Resource Director, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, 653 Anderson Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone 775-623-5151 or email:

william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org



Environmental Director for the Mechoopda Tribe, Chico, CA

The Environmental Director will be responsible for the management and successful implementation of the Tribe's environmental objectives. He/she will be expected to develop and implement strategic goals and activities related to environmental protection, land use management and threats to human health, under the guidance of the Tribal Administrator. This position will direct, supervise and coordinate the monitoring and protection of land, air and water resources for the Tribe in light of their economic, cultural and political objectives. Preference in hiring is given to qualified American Indians in accordance with the Indian Preference Act (Title 24 U.S. Code, Section 472 and 473). Application and full job description may be obtained at the Tribal Office at 125 Mission Ranch Blvd., Chico, CA 95926 or by calling 530-899-8922 or Toll Free 1-888-472-9118



Environmental Director, Campo Indian Reservation

The Campo Indian Reservation has an opening for an environmental director. This person will direct environmental programs for the tribe, such as water issues, drinking water, non point source, emergency response, solid waste, and air. Solid waste includes the permitting and regulatory oversight of a commercial waste facility. Director will report to Campo Tribal Administrator. The Campo Indian Reservation is located in the southeast quarter of San Diego County. This position is a tribal preference/ Indian preference position under applicable Federal and Tribal laws. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled. Please submit your resume Attention: Councilman Connolly, 36190 Church Road, Campo, CA 91906.

Northwest Environmental Training Center (NWETC)

NWETC is seeking experienced environmental professionals to help teach their technical training programs. These are paid positions that involve teaching a one, two, or three-day workshop. Training programs include topics ranging from environmental remediation to habitat restoration and everything in between (see link below for more class topics). If you enjoy teaching and have a wealth of experience/expertise, please review the posted opportunities in the link below. If you have expertise in an area not listed on our opportunities page, contact <http://www.nwetc.org/opportunities.htm>; Workshop Topics: <http://www.nwetc.org/topics.htm>; Training Catalog: <http://www.nwetc.org/>. For more information, contact Kristine Robson, Professional Training Program 206-762-1976; krobson@nwetc.org

North Fork Mono Rancheria

The Rancheria has an opening for an environmental director. The salary range is \$48,159 -- \$62,605 per year. Under the general direction of the Tribal Administrator, the director will plan, direct, supervise, and coordinate the activities of the Tribe's Environmental Protection Department. The requirements are a B.S. in Natural Resource

Science, Environmental Planning, or other related field with three years of successful experience working in the area of environmental programs and one year experience administering environmental grants/contract program(s). This position will remain open until filled. Please call 559-877-2461 for an application package.

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Manager, Environmental Protection

The manager will direct, supervise and coordinate the monitoring and protecting of the land, air and water resources for the Tribe in light of its economic, cultural and political objectives. This position oversees the administration of Environmental Protection Agency grant funds and Tribal funds in the implementation of grant program objectives; Responsibilities include interviewing, hiring, and training employees; planning, assigning, and directing work; appraising performance; Creating, revising, implementing and evaluating EPA grant work plans; Submitting required EPA grant quarterly reports and applications. Interested applicants should apply at www.sanmanuel.com under the "Employment" link at the top of the page, and then click on the "Opportunities" link in the middle of the next page. Or call Grant Administrator Mike Layne at: 909-425-3590, ext. 4336. Position opened until filled.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

Under the general supervision of the Cabazon Environmental Department Environmental Coordinator, performs field monitoring, testing, investigation and survey activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance. This position requires a Bachelors Degree and directly relevant experience in air quality a plus. For more information contact Human Resources, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Fantasy Springs Resort, Paul Soama, 760-342-2593, ext. 85751

Environmental Coordinator

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for an environmental coordinator. The person hired will be responsible for the development, analyses, and coordination of the environmental and water departments. The ideal candidate must be able to work in a team environment and be a self-starter, with little supervision, must be computer literate (knowledge of Microsoft Office, GIS a plus), must have experience with analytical chemistry and/or microbiology, and must have excellent communication skills. The salary will depend on experience and this position will remained opened until filled. Send your resumes to: Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, P. O. Box 846, Coachella, CA 92236 or email dsterling@augustinetribe.com

Miscellaneous Items of Interest



Photos from the 2006 Tribal EPA Conference

The Region 9 Tribal Program Office is seeking digital photos of the 2006 Tribal EPA Conference for the Tribal Program Website. They will be featured in a slideshow format. We're looking for photos of the opening session, workshops, RTOC, networking, awards luncheon and any others. If you could like to contribute photos please email them to Tina L. Williams at williams.tina@epa.gov. If you have any questions regarding this project, please call her at 415-972-3784.



Nominations for the National Tribal Water Council (NTWC)

The NTWC is seeking nominations for six at-large council members who will bring unique or additional water expertise on a variety of issues including, but not limited to wetlands, drinking water, groundwater, oceans/estuaries, and underground injection. The NTWC is not a policy-making body, and its input is not a substitute for government-to-government consultation. The deadline for the nominations is August 6, 2007. Nominations must be mailed to: National Tribal Water Council, P. O. Box 1038, Chiloquin, OR 97624. For more information, contact Kathleen S. Hill, NTWC Project Manager, at tribal_water_council@hotmail.com



10 Tips for a Healthier Home

1. Use a high-efficiency furnace filter and replace it every two to three months. A high-efficiency filter can capture up to 30 times more pet dander, smoke, pollen and other pollutants than a standard fiberglass filter.
2. Fix leaks and drips in your home to discourage mold growth. Also, avoid causing mold by making sure humidity levels stay low throughout the year, even if it means getting a dehumidifier.
3. Use exhaust fans in bathrooms and kitchens to remove moisture, smoke from cooking and fumes from household chemicals.
4. Good ventilation reduces indoor pollution. Leave doors open between rooms and open windows whenever possible.
5. If you or your family members have dust allergies or asthma, consider replacing carpet with area rugs that can be washed often.
6. Install carbon monoxide detectors near your sleeping areas to protect your family from this potentially deadly, odorless gas.
7. Some cleaning products contain strong and potentially toxic ingredients. Keep doors or windows open when using them, or consider switching to less toxic cleansers that are free of ammonia and other strong chemicals.
8. Test your home for radon -- a radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer -- with an inexpensive kit you can buy in hardware stores. Make sure the label says "Meets EPA requirements." If the radon in your home exceeds acceptable levels, you should hire a contractor to install a vent pipe system and fan. The average cost is about \$1,200.
9. Ask smokers not to smoke inside. Secondhand smoke can cause health problems, especially in children.
10. Never leave a car or gas lawn mower running in a garage that's attached to your house.

Sources: American Lung Association, Environmental Protection Agency

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

Logo Requests

Tribes interested in having their logo featured on the EPA Tribal Program Web site may email a copy to Tina L. Williams, GAP Project Officer at williams.tina@epa.gov. For questions, please call her at 415-972-3784. The electronic logs will be used only for display purposes on the EPA Region 9 Web site. To view logos featured, go to the following link: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

AIEO has published the first EPA Tribal Program Enterprise Architecture (TPEA) tribal data newsletter. The purpose for this quarterly newsletter is to publish information about the work of TPEA. AIEO hopes to develop partnerships with parties that are interested in sharing information and ongoing experiences with data collection and information management. To view this newsletter click on or to obtain copies email liu.ed@epa.gov or call 202-564-0287.

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov.

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

National Response Center (NRC):

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

Inspector Credentials

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act

(FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or baranco.angela@epa.gov.

Department of Agricultural (USDA)

USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://www.ctaa.org/techassist/usda/M-STAPPN.pdf>

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer> .
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>
http://www.iiirm.org/news/2006/news_october_2006.htm
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-b.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-c.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>
<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>
<https://www2.azserc.org/AZSERCHome/GatekeeperNewsletter/tabid/90/Default.aspx>
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>
Healthcare: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompass2-2006.pdf>
Educational Facilities: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompassvol2no2.pdf>
Take the Smokefree Home Pledge: www.epa.gov/smokefree
Test Your Home for Radon: www.epa.gov/radon
Emergency Planning & Response <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>
Storm Water: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompassvol1no1.pdf>